

## EDINA DIALOGUE ACTION TIPS

- Save energy, money and the environment. Schedule a visit by the Home Energy Squad for a home energy audit.
- Buy energy efficient appliances. Look for the Energy Star label. Turn in old refrigerators and get a rebate and free recycling from Xcel energy.
- Reduce greenhouse gases by supporting renewable energy. Sign up for Wind Source by Xcel.
- Save on electricity. Sign up for Xcel's Saver's Switch.
- Seal air leaks and insulate. Apply for CenterPoint's attic insulation rebate.
- Drive less: consolidate trips, walk, bike, car pool, bus. Cut exhaust emissions by reducing engine idling.
- Install a programmable thermostat. Adjust temperatures up in the summer, down in the winter and for occupancy patterns.
- Be a smart water consumer. Get free low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators from CenterPoint. Set your water heater to 120 degrees.
- Conserve: Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle as much waste as possible.
- Use reusable bags instead of plastic and paper bags.
- Replace plastic water bottles with a reusable bottle.
- Follow best practices in mowing and watering lawns. Install a moisture sensor on irrigation systems. Mulch grass clippings. Let your grass grow longer and use less water for irrigation.
- Turn off lights and electronics when not in use. Use compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs).
- Shop for produce at the Centennial Lakes Farmers Market from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.
- Eat meatless meals at least once a week.
- Buy local, organic food and limit plastic packaging.
- Start composting.
- Use rain barrels.
- Share information with friends, neighbors and co-workers. Encourage public officials to establish policies that are good for the environment.
- Get involved; sign up with local environmental groups.
- Educate yourself.
- Be vocal. Encourage your friends to embrace green practices.
- Talk to businesses about their green practices.
- Learn about opportunities to participate in energy conservation and environmental sustainability activities at [www.EdinaMN.gov/GoGreen](http://www.EdinaMN.gov/GoGreen).



## SECOND-ANNUAL EDINA ENVIRONMENTAL DIALOGUE

Organized by the

EDINA ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

# WHAT'S UP WITH THE WEATHER?

# OUR CHANGING CLIMATE & WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

## PROGRAM

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| <b>6-6:50 p.m.</b> | Resource Fair, Refreshments, Networking  |
| <b>6:50</b>        | Call to Order  |
| <b>7:00</b>        | Welcome by Bill Sierks, Chair of the Energy & Environment Commission   |
|                    | Senator Al Franken's Video Greeting and Reflection About Minnesota's Changing Climate  |
| <b>7:05</b>        | Edina Mayor James Hovland, "The Greening of Edina"   |
| <b>7:10</b>        | Speaker Paul Douglas<br>"What's Up With the Weather?"  |
| <b>7:40</b>        | Speaker J. Drake Hamilton<br>"Our Changing Climate and What We Can Do About It"  |
| <b>8:10-8:25</b>   | Q & A with Paul Douglas and J. Drake Hamilton<br>Use card in your program for questions                                      |
| <b>8:20</b>        | Drawing for three free Home Energy Squad Visits (a \$125 value) featuring TOLBY, the CEE Firefly<br>(must be present to win) |
| <b>8:30</b>        | Acknowledgement and Call to Action by Paul Thompson, Energy & Environment Commissioner                                       |
| <b>8:35</b>        | Collection of Information Cards  |

*Join us in the Commons for the Resource Fair, refreshments and networking.*